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1 Tsi Yang Road
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My Precious Mummie + all;

Sept. 4 + one month is over of vacation Aug 4 - 3 began + today ends it gloriously with a marvelous climb to the top of "Old Mountain" that old rugged high one I told you of, which I can see from my window — we watched it veiled in thin lacey - like misty clouds — again colored with cloud patches + their shadows right from the base — When we got up in the morning it seemed sure to rain but as it was our only day to go we went for an hour in rickshas then as we reached the base of the mountain the clouds + mist lifted + we had another more beautiful day as a result! The sun — great fleecy clouds floating by making shadows over the small green patches terraced along the slopes + on to the sea — We reached the top by noon by easy climbing + resting + such a view — to one side more rugged

mountains + the bottom were
~~little~~ patches of fields + villages
We could see the cutting of the
bay + Lungtao + little villages
and the water was so blue — also there
were spots which looked pink
+ lavender on the shallow places.
Plenty of square sailed sampans
added to the beauty of the scene.
It was just as we'd had a
bath in glory!! It was a fitting
day to close the month —
Its been over a week since I
wrote so I'll go back + pick
up the past news —
The Independents for past 3 weeks
piled up at Mrs. Ku's I just got
them — there are several news
items in them — Laurence Allen
buying the "Joseph Herald" — its
that up at Joseph Oregon — ~~the~~
~~is, the are Sorah liked for a~~
~~time + liked her so well. I think~~
~~he — you might write her that~~
~~like to look him up.~~
~~Say — what is meant by the~~
~~note of the Broadway church~~

1. Seoul - Sunday -
Sept. 11

my dearest Ones!

The nurse just brought me your letter which was forwarded from Pyongyang. The one written at Portsmouth on your camping trip. I was so glad to get it! + know your whereabouts + all about the camping trip + Ray's great success as a fisherman! That is good, memsie dearie, for you to get any trout! That's a good fishing record for Ray, isn't it? Thanks for the leaves - That is interesting - is that the tree the Psalms talk of - righteous shall flourish as the green bay tree? Is it green all winter or does it loose its leaf on the other do?

Just finished a most inviting + good dinner! Had watermelon, sweet potatoes, beef, tomatoes - doesn't sound much like an invalid, does it. I tell you Jack Sprat + his wife may have had a good time but I don't need Jack Sprat at all - I'm quite capable of licking the platter clean all by myself! Some days there isn't enough left on the plate to tell what I had to eat! Don't worry - I haven't begun

2] on the porcelain yet — but soon!!
Really, I feel as if I'd gained pounds
will weigh in a.m. when I leave
— Hegins decided now that the hospi-
tal can run without me!! So in
the morning I'll go over to Miss
Shield's house for a few days.

Had a real dissipation last
night. Dr. + Mrs. Martin stopped
in the car for me + took me out
to their house for supper. It was
such a nice time! There were 2
Salvation Army lassies there too -
a most international supper as
they were from Scotland + Sweden,
Dr. Martin from Nova Scotia, Mrs.
Martin from Maine + I from
Oregon. Came home in a rickshaw at
8:30 in the most beautiful moon-
light! Had my Sat nite bath +
how I slept! The little Korean nurse
comes in every nite to rub my
back — she found I like it so
— see I'm getting badly spoiled!
They have six kiddies - one baby
first six weeks old - + they are
all so nice. I appreciated so much

3] their asking me.
I found after I'd mailed your letter that I had not put in the poem so will enclose it in this extra one!
A nice letter came too from Bessie written partly at Albany & partly from Newport. It was so good to hear from her! She was going with Bud on his rounds, I hope they too had a fine vacation tho that didn't sound as if they were on a vacation but Bessie was just going with Bud then! She is such a dear! I was so glad to hear from her! How is Bud making it financially still O.K.? She spoke of teaching so they had this $700 next year. I'll be glad when they get their home all paid off! It is such a nice place!!
I do wish all of you could see the interesting sights I see from my windows. I look out on a road way and so many interesting people pass. Below the road is a brook on at one side a low Korean house with its mud walls whitewashed and its low eves - of tiled roof, instead of thatch that we see in the country. Two little girls squatted on the ground playing with rocks, I guess, something like jack stones - It is Sunday and they are "dressed up". One is wearing a robin's egg blue long, full plaited skirt and short blouse of brilliant rose.

4. Her long straight black hair hangs in a braid down her back & at the end is tied with a red ribbon. The other little girl is wearing a black skirt & an unusual green blouse. A dear little old lady passes leaning on a tall cane. Her fine face is a picture. She is dressed as old older women - all the time wear white - pleated skirt which wraps around - and short blouse which ties at the side. How clean and beautifully white their clothes are - Her hair is combed back very smoothly & coiled in a low knot at the neck. Such quantities of beautiful black hair - all Koreans seem to have! Those two men are surely a picture. They wear full tied in at the ankles and over the top of the short coat - a long white "turna-maggie" or coat - no spatters - stiff and not a wrinkle in it. The nature way of ironing is to beat the clothes with sticks - How they produce such a result is beyond me! One man is wearing a foreign style straw hat, the other - a shining white horsehair Korean mourning hat. These hats are beyond description but pictures will show them. I have one coming! They carry also in spatter white

5] They are about 14 or 15 - (for be it from me to guess ages of these Oriental folk I can never guess rightly) they are grown up enough for the long coats - but wear the full trousers, tied at ankles + short white coats - I see others about the same age wearing the grey cotton foreign style school uniform which all government schools requiring. They are quite brave in brass buttons!

That young woman just ahead has her hair tailed at the neck so she maybe married! Her skirt is of the palest blue and short blouse white. Almost all wear just clear white cotton. There it has begun to rain + that man is prepared. over his horsehair hat he has put a yellow oiled paper hat which folds up somewhat like a fan + can be carried somewhere in the folds of a belt + gotten out when need arises. The little girls get experience caring for sister very early: That little one with bright blouse + black skirt has a baby on her back tied by mean of a blanket which covers the baby - all but the head!

The click click of the wooden shoes means a Japanese is coming: He is very stately + quaint in his

b) "full kimono". This consists of a short kimono underneath, then a kind of plaited skirt - very long - and over that another kimono of the same material. Am not sure just what class of society he belongs to - but the coolie class don't wear the skirt part!"

I'll write more of Seoul later - So far I haven't seen much of it to know much about it.

Well, am all moved. Had lunch at the hospital + came up here. I feel better than I've felt for ever so long + am all keen to be getting busy again.

Lots + lots of love dearest ones! The Master is so good to us! + cares for all we need + desire! I am happy that I can trust you my dear ones to such a Master. May God richly bless the church at Roseburg + all this. May it be a splendid consecrated year - with many won for Him.

Most lovingly,

Irene

Sat: Sept 15, 1928
1 Tai Yang Road
Tsingtao Shantung

Dearest Loved Ones:

I want to be sure to get your letter off so I'll begin a bit of it tonite. It's almost bed time but I'll have time for a little chat.

Your letter of Aug 3. is come from Bandon the next from Woodburn - so you must have gone to California What happened?, That was interesting to run into Mrs. Kraniak + live in her house Is she living with her husband? That was nice to see Helen Andrews - was glad to hear of her! Where is Art Everett living - wonder whether he married the Eugene girl - + has a baby!!! —

I expect you didn't see Margaret Smith, at all. I wonder -

here for several years & shld been on these boats & said shld not be afraid for her mother — to come on it & that it was quite comfy. I wonder when Isabel Miller is coming I hear it is to be this fall sometime. She might be coming second class. It would be so much nicer to have company. Oh, I see by the 15 why you left Bandon. Yes, dear, I hope that the lawyer's business will soon be over. I know you must have enjoyed the beach — the boys especially would. You'd love bathing here the water is so warm — I know in those Oregon beaches it is cold as ice! Was that the Mr. Snyder we know at North Bend. Just think of meeting Bud & Bessie up at N. Bend!

stand that she is back
now in Hawaii now. I haven't
heard from her yet tho.
Now probably have seen miss
Benton by now with her
visited
+ maybe already gotten the
packages I sent + all
the information now needed
about tickets + cost to
China + all. She could
tell you a great deal about
it all. As I remember my
ticket to Shanghai on the
President boat 1st class
was 375.00 to Shanghai —
from Shanghai to Tsingtao
1st class is ₱40.00. I've been
told that the Empress of
Canada, or the other Empress.
sailing from Victoria.
boats, are fine for 2nd class
which is ₱200.00 one way.
I talked to Mrs Wamsley of
Nanking whose mother was

Thank you Lamy for mailing out the reports - oh! this letter writing is surely a problem - but sweetest nurses mine you're helping immensely by doing this to help me!
Yours of 19 so full of your talking of coming makes me glad. So for I am living in my side of the house + the girls theirs - we've talked it over + they rather prefer it I think as it would be so hard to get a workable basis yet - Miss Lin + I talked Thurs. about her living with me but my living away too makes obstacles so it is yet up in the air! She'll try it till the end of the month supplenting with her own food + she how it goes. Its nice all the facts that are so in favor of your coming.
The Evans will leave here

sometime the middle of Nov. and land in San Francisco December 12 on a President boat - to be there one day go on to Los Angeles! — I wonder if you'll want to go so far to see them or care, eh! that's fine Alberta is off to Moody + Raleigh to Wheaton. I suppose he's going there to be with Alberta + take her + then expect the atmosphere of Willamette isn't to be compared with that of Wheaton. So glad you'd such a fine time at the Van Cleave's they are just wonderful people for sure! So nice you could see Aunt

5/ Callie, Glenn, Josephine + baby, glad Worth's position is settled it that makes them happier. God is surely trying to win them by great grace and love! How I wish they could see it! It would be so nice for them to go West. Thank you for the frame. Sorry it has caused such a lot of trouble + hunt. It was nice of Mr. Hall to fix it! Bless his heart it is sweet to be so claimed + prayed for!! How I need such intercessors!!

6] Excuse my scrappy paper - I thought that was a whole sheet; - This is some of my gift paper but got some ink on it in moving so I've cut off worst + will use it up.

This is Sun. a.m. + will write a bit before church. It is a glorious fall day - sunny but with the spice of fall in the air. It is communion Sunday + I'm glad. I missed the last one, how precious the master is to us!

Just had devotions with the cook - he seems very earnest + tries to understand its a great privilege to help him to know Jesus!

8/ then went out to a park at Sun Tang. came here + ate supper with me + we went to church - Then yesterday morning again he came in a car ($3 per hour) & went to start out in the hills — to Huk for a fine swim in the big waves. then P.M for two hour ride — Ray! you ought to get all excited now over this !! Isn't that enuf to satisfy your craving for news of me!! I'll leave today — I don't believe I wrote about seeing Mrs. Gaforth + she said she felt so strongly to ask me to come when she

7] Now this news is for Ray's benefit! When Mrs. Goforth was here she said Mr. Roach of their mission whom I'd met in Pekin was coming here for a vocation + for me to be kind to him for her sake! He is a huge man - not so much as he was in Peking - unmarried Canadian + thoroughly fundamental - with a British real Canadian accent! He wrote asking me to go for a ride Fri. P.M. We went in the rain - had lunch at Hassels (-to the great excitement of some minds who came all the way across the street to see whom I was with)

9/ did last winter that she wasn't going to give up yet. — She surely one adorable lovely lady! This man has been in Marchuria for months in place with no English speaking folks at all! They surely are salty evangelists + doing a fine work. I don't get too excited Ray he doesn't appeal to me at all — only it was fun to play a bit!

I had such fun the other nite. Mrs. Hsu's cook + amah were waiting at the gate when I returned from a meeting. They were all dressed up slick as a whistle

10] & clean & shining & tael
come to call! The cook (mine)
gave them a glass of water
to drink in fine polite
style & they sat in the
high seats just like the
ocean of the land & they
ate too just as neat as
if they were millionaires
it was so sweet! I loved
it! They would both
come to work for me in a
minute if they weren't
promised & of course I'd
not need both but the
cook has said a number of
times, the minute Mrs. Hew
lets him go he'll come to me.
They're just precious!

added to this.
off for a month so
I'll write if possible
but don't be alarmed if
I don't get it off. it
may be impossible.

loads of love —
Its such fun to be
here & have this joy
I wish you were sharing
the joy - I believe you
are

Lovingly.

Irene

11 Monday - Out at Mrs Evans.
Oh I'm so happy! They decided
today that I may go with
Mrs Clow + Mrs Wang this time
because it is peaceful out in
Los Alan Mts. + nice weather -
will go for a month. I kept
willing to go + when Mr. Chand-
ler + Mr Davies both advised
it I was delighted. So now I'm
in the throes of more prepara-

Friday Eve 10:30 —
I guess we're all packed
+ fixed + off at 6:30 a.m
in morning. Mrs. Hsu's cook
+ amah came to say goodbye
+ we visited long +
much detail to manage
has cut of what I hoped
to be a nice long chat

Copy of a letter received from Margaret Winslett.

Ichowfu, Shantung.
Sept. 28, 1928.

Dear :

From the point of view of art and skill and talent breaking into the movies and "breaking" into Ichowfu are not comparable, but when it comes to obstacles and attendant thrills, the latter "break" leads in the score and is the break that broke Maggie into a pile of dust and kinks and blisters. If there were any doubt in the mind of the Mission Board that we would not be glad to get here and to stay, they could devise no better way than this trip in, to make the participants glad with a pathetic gladness, to reach this part and to stop indefinitely. All of which says that six days traveling on land and sea, ten or twelve hours a day, from sun-up to sun down, even tho' different and new, is enough to satisfy even me and make me glad that at least for the present, my traveling days are over and I can sit,(as nature designed!) and rest my bones.

Our overgrown sanpan you saw, and also the "modern conveniences" it offered. The men found roosting places on a lumber pile in front and in between machinery, and we stowed ourselves up in the staterooms,--within an hour of sailing we were tossing wildly (in spite of the ninety-two pieces of baggage) stowed in the hold for ballast), and we were white about the gills and uncertain of the future. Morning found us much restored and digging under piles of baggage for tinned milk and shreded wheat. Food and the approach of our landing place-- a mud village on a mud bank of a mud river--made us more hopeful of life. We anchored and began an all day wait on board while the military and leading citizens cam aboard to inspect us (not officially) and the men transferred our limitless baggage by sanpan to the R.R. track. Eating and dozing, reading magazines and discussing the possibility of a train out "any time soon", filled the hours not too unpleasantly. Late in the afternoon we (women and children) were landed a la baggage and taken ashore to stretch our legs and prepare supper; our quarters being a few cleared spaces surrounded by mountains of freight and that in turn topped by a gaping and curious multitude. There was no inn and no train, so we settled for the night with the sky for a roof and the stars for cheer, and with the men taking turns on guard. Thru the depths of sleep I heard the goings and comings of visitors all night, but as long as "sleep is my career" they were subordinate to my main interests then and were ineffective interruptions. Morning again found us ready for a new try and also drenched with dew, and it also brought a train. Said train was formerly used by soldiers and was piled high withtrash and dirt and was minus a number of seats, which had served last winter as kindling wood. After six hours we parted from the Tenghsien people and landed again, this time at the place where we were to take barrows and start overland. Though it was only two o'clock, we were not able to start that day for there followed hours of ~~xixxxx~~ dickering over prices and ways and means, the consequent excitement drew the crowds and ~~xxx~~ we were regaled with whispered tales of bandits and soldiers and dangers on the road. At length we had to walk to the next nearest village where we found a family of Christians (an old student) who invited us in to rest and who helped very much in getting barrows and finding an inn to take us for the night. That night after we had gone to bed much refreshed by a bath in a few inches of hot water, the servants came in to report that the soldiers had broken into the baggage. It was Dr. Harding's"melodjun" and was unhurt,

but the episode called for more patience and talk and jawing, but was eventually adjusted without further difficulty.

Thrusday we were up with the dawn and ready to hot the train in the uncovered wagon, and we hot it with a bang! We were forced to take small barrows, and they were heavily ~~xxxxx~~ ladened and then we had no pullers. We had to stop often and long and walk most of the way,-but I must say that on the whole, walking is preferable able to riding folded up and sitting on one's stomach. We were a great sight, altogether eighteen barrows (we were joined by two Chinese families three barrows and ten people) and most of the time about forty-five people-- barrow-men and pullers(later employed),servants, Chinese families and ourselves. As we crept along we were overtaken by an irate young soldier, sweating profusely, screaming at the serv nts and wielding furiously one of our own walking sticks. The trouble, we learned after wading thru the fierceness and verbosity of our pursurer, was that we had "slipped" past the village(we had gone around it) and were trying to avoid military inspection, therefore we were suspected of carrying contraband goods to sell,-- firearms, ammunition, or opium. One of the servants they were holding prisoner back in the village he had gone thru on a bike. Imagine such a cavalcade slipping past anybody when we were kicking up dust like a train of elephants and the barrows at every turn of the wheels were shrieking out theri woes to high heaven! He cammanded us to halt and said everything must be searched I had visions of my intimates being strewn about the fields for the eyes of all to behold, but at length he consented grudgingly to returning with our men to the village ~~xxxx~~ and soldiers there to drink tea over the matter and to exhaust the dictionary of words and Emily Post a la Chinese of courtesy. Meantime we worthless women sat among our possessions on the roadside in the twelve o'clock sun. I used this pause to change into a Chinese dress for such is the might of public opinion and continued comment that I was feeling un- ~~xxxxxxx~~ dressed in my own-- at length the men returned having prevailed thru argument and we passed on undismayed and unsearched. In the afternoon our way was thru stricken territory-- village after village burned, only bare walls and silence left, often not a soul to be seen. One indeed seemed more than the others the Village of the Dead,--a great stretch of mud walls and none but those worse than dead within, the blind and cripple and aged, and so wretchedly poor. Evening found us only about twenty miles on our way, tired and dusty and burned-skin and tempers--brittle, but safe and no sign of bandits.

Friday added no new thrills, except stories and warnings and detours to carry out the warnings;and at close of day again received by Christian friends. Saturday mroning as the wun was trying to break thru the clouds, we crossed the last river a la ferry and as we plodded thru the sand on this side, got the first drops of a brisk little rain. We walked the greater part of the way and so hastened the speed of our barrowmen, so we covered the last fifteen miles in good time and got in about I:30, weary unto death and dirty unto indecency. No doubt about being glad to get here,that's sure! OH! the blessedness of hot water and a feather bed and food on a table our of dishes and a chair to lean back in!

But it was, for all the discomforts, fun and I wouldn't have missed it for anything and I will be ready to start again after I sit awhile. There is much that I am glad to remember. Surely the Lord prepared journeying mercies all along the way and blessings and much that was beautiful,-safety and friendliness and best of all a peace within and a spirit of gladness to be on the way. The weather was splendid,cool except at noon, and always a breeze. And the country was lovely-- a lot

of water which even at a distance surprisingly refreshes and relieves. And trees--more than I thought were in all Shantung, and certainly they were"prepared" to give us shade and halting places. The fields were green still with peas and beans and peanuts and buckwheat in bloom. And surely the road was varied--thru sand dunes and hard beaten fields,along the crumbling river bank and across,along broad highways and into a one-wheeled track,up hill and down, thru open country and thru villages and towns. The inns were not bad as inns go, for we had our own bed and food(the trail of milk and Campbells soup tins left behind,would certainly give us away were we followed), and hot water tho' limited could be bought, and there was always a wall between us and the beasties without! The wheelbarrow itself tho' not built for comfort is of course absolutely unique ahd has a personality all its own, to say nothing of its tune. Anyway while folded up like a pocket camera and bumping along there is time for contemplation and long, long thoughts in spite of a crick in the neck, kinks and hard knots in the legs and paralysis all over! For tho' the other passengers be but a foot away as distance is measured, there is the song of the wheel barrow between, while strength and density cannot be measured and which maketh conversation to languish. And speaking of distancex, there are miles and miles, hours and hours, which the speedometer and clock fail to register accurately as to their length and "sweetness long drawn out".

But (like stories with a moral) a step at a time gets one there and here we are. So endeth the first lesson on the Uncovered Wagon! Alabama, here we rest!!

About Ichowfu, I am thrilled. Our house does not show the effects of war as much as of old age, but I have a nice little room which at present is fitted out in mismatched pieces of everybody's furniture, but my orange curtains cast over everything such a Halloween-ish hue, that the native colors of the various objects themselves, are lost and don't count. -- I am studying from 9 -12 and visiting five afternoons a week. I believe I will learn Chinese eventually at the rate I have to talk to visitors. It is lovely here, really, and I am happy. Do pray for my ears to hear and my lips to speak, but most of all for my heart and spirit within. and I will pray for you.

Remember that visitors are highly esteemed here, for they are so scarce, and know that I am always wanting you for a visit whenever you think you can stand it.

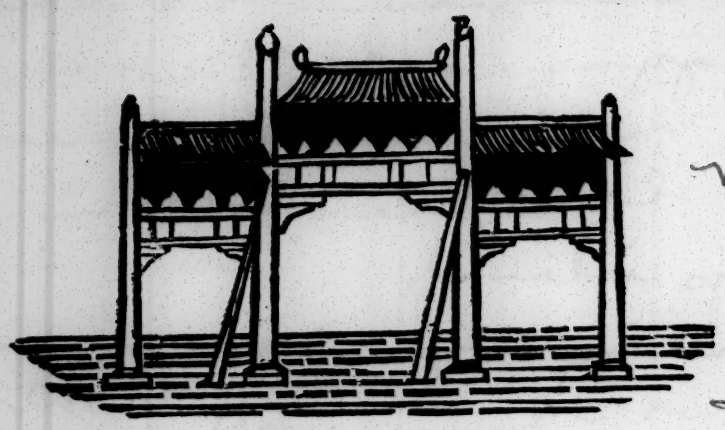
My love to and the others. Tell the Graftons that I have first hand tales to tell myself now.

By the way, when I saw how rough the going was on the barrows, I said goodbye to my lampshades and chimney and tried to console myself, but miraculously nothing was broken.

Love and good wishes,

Margaret.

Cent in Country
October 15, 1928



My Blessed Loved Ones!
Several weeks has elapsed since you've had a letter the big one enclosed written all along the way will give outlandish news of the north so I'll not repeat that - Just add a note to you. After the Roseburg clerks supporters have this letter will you send it & pictures I'll send later to Mrs. Higgins.
Please, Mr. Chandler came out the second week & brought two letters from you - I was so glad to hear - now I expect there are letters at home waiting my return tomorrow. It was so nice to get your letters out here - They were from Woodburn one had the report in it. Thank you so for sending all those out - It was a big job!! Thanks precious mummie & Eula!! so much that was nice of Mrs. Austin, Norman & Evan to wish to be remembered to me! glad they could get a bit of enjoyment from the report; I wonder about the "fellers" I'd forgotten them almost!
I must write Alberta & Raleigh soon!! So glad they've gone. Raleigh will like Wheaton too more than Willamette & they can be together! Thanks for the pictures I was so glad to get yours especially. Yes, the silk made up very nicely!! Miss Chan & Miss Wang were very interested in the pictures & said ah! she must come to live with us!! It is good of you - but where is the smile - maybe you were feeling too alone honey, well, that's all right dear - I know the smile is still there! You're not gotten thin I'm glad! Thank Margaret for taking them & sending hers too! I miss her curls - I hardly knew her she'd grown so elongated so! Sorry Mr. Engel isn't well - is it as severe as Daddy's! No, dear one, can't buy foreign caskets in

2] Tsingtao - I don't know about Shanghai — so sad, one has them made. Mrs. Higgins state that the Board used some pictures to make slides, did I tell you? No Helen, didn't go home. She is up in Changsha, Hunan - a long trip inland.

You said Leo'd been on a fishing trip - I just let my mind go back + go again on our trip to Mts - remember when I went with him, Robert, + Ray. It was such fun on that tippy sinking raft! I hope you are at Leo's now + having a nice visit —

Yes, I feel like Daddy used to say, if a certain man were elected he'd move to Canada — I'll become Chinese if Smith is elected.

My! Daddy Sis, has been so near this a.m. sometimes it's like that I almost speak out loud to him. It's been so sweet - I don't know why at times he seems farther + then again nearer. Somehow, I've felt these days that Daddy is happy - the first time I had Church service - (have 5 big services in all) that Daddy was so near + happy + somehow felt that his sacrifice + yours maybe wasn't in vain. Ah mummie, I want that so much! To really be of use + assured that your sacrifice will not be in vain. Somehow I know not know - that the Master will not spurn the love poured out for Him by you + Daddy Sis - if only we all abide in Him.

I'll write more next week - now I must get accounts strait + all + today get ready to get off to the city. A precious month, such joy, no sickness, no bandits or any trouble at all - all gone as a flash!

I must write Bessie - have it written for about the present for her mother - you told her to? - did you see Miss Benton or not? + did she give you the things -

Bye precious one - time to eat too, cook has just come to call me - Love, love to all of you my precious dearest ones -

Love - Jesse.

Exterior lights done in morning.

Out at Mrs. Eames
October 28, 1928

Dearest Loved Ones!

This is my last week-end I can stay with Mrs. Eames so after a rushing day yesterday I came out last night to visit & rest today till after dinner! maybe till morning — Its so nice to be out!

Its been a little over a week since I came home from country. The first day I cleaned the accumulated dust of the month & relieved the pent up desire since I'd moved of scrubbing the kitchen. I'm sure the cook hopes I won't get such a mood soon as we both scrubbed from 8:30 - 12:30. Then all month I'd been thinking how good a chocolate cake "like Stella Walter used to make"

3) a visit with Mr. Irwin at Yikrien formerly - ei, before the evacuation. It has not been back. It was quite interesting to hear more from there. That station is more in discussion than any other for various reasons the only one not reentered + opened up this fall. This question will be soundly discussed at mission meeting this week. There were folks here that p.m. from all over Shantung. I went back after supper - in time to get there when Julia came to stay all night.
Sat. a.m. went out to shop for Margaret Winslett of Tchaufu - That night the nice Miss Lin who lives next to me asked a bunch of us out for a Chinese feast + it was so nice!!
I sure rather fun to be back

2/ It is a very thin one in the batter but baked moist + so good
well, I dashed out to buy the
needed ingredients + it struck
me so funny - I had no cake
pans nor mixing bowl, nor
anything needed for a cake -
See to make Chinese food they
were in needed. You'd be
very surprised at the scarcity
of ordinary things deemed necessities
in my kitchen
But I borrowed a mixing bowl
+ cake pan - bought a pan
+ flour sifter
+ lined the - + made the cake
Etta Moody + Julia Sing
came to help me eat it. It
was such fun to see them!
Friday P.M. I came out to see
Mrs. C. + family + got here in time
for dinner — Sat P.M. a lot of
folks who are delegates to a
special meeting to turn
over more authority to the
chief called so in all
13 folks were here. I had

4] after a few weeks in the country to see folks + go out a bit. I felt so the first few days but after this busy week it has seemed to me the foreign + more or less social demands take too much time. One has just to choose. Monday I began in earnest to study full time, try to plan fixing up my winter clothes, my needed chiney warm clothes, manage laundry, receive a lot of callers, call on Mrs. Davies every day etc etc !!! I won't give all the details its too long. Its been a marvelously warm fall + I've had no fires, + warm only fall dresses not wool, until now today there is a cold wind but think it will clear up + be warm again.

5) pulled out my wool dress
+ gave them the once over -
decided to clean + press
+ mend lining of my brown
coat again + not get a
new lining, will get a
pair of brown overalls -
~~don't worn any of my tight pants~~
had my felt hat cleaned
etc. - so maybe I'll do for
another year just as I am.
I hesitate to buy a lot of
new or do much for I hope
to be in the country most of
the time. This leads me to
my famous bargain! I have
to have a fur-lined coat
for winter ~~the~~ cheapest fur
I saw was $26.00 my for fur not
to count cloth for outside
+ tailoring — well I had all
planned to go a certain after-
noon to buy it when a
caller came to interrupt me +

7] Tony, I'll be beautiful to behold - fat + round - but I'll be comfy + warm. I'll not have the credit for my "wispy willowy ness"! A little girl who has been in school but ~~not~~ too no money to go comes to sew - She is making this beauty-destroying creation!

You'll wonder why my daily call on Mrs. Davies. Mr. Davies is in Shanghai at a meeting + she is alone. I feel very sorry for her. She is not well + the grief over loss of her ~~the~~ children has made her not really normal. She's lonely so I like to go each day to see her - if I can clear her a bit. I was going to stay with her at nites but at last she decided she'd feel worried about me having to leave my bed etc + it really wouldn't be a rest or help her so it really makes day start easier if I'm home to eat + teach

& I didn't get to go - well that
nite as Miss Wang + Miss Chow
were in eating salted peanuts
which cookies just ackived + in my room
Miss Wang raised that the
elder sister of Miss Chiao,
the wife of Mr. Fei who was the
delegate of Jerusalem conference,
Mrs. Fei is a returned American
had a coat to sell
student. Her home is Szechwan
Way west + transportation of
baggage so costly she decided
to buy a new fur coat there
where furs are cheap + sell her
old one here. So I got a lovely
Chinese coat with green silk
outside trimmed in black velvet
+ a gorgeous white long curly
haired fur lining for $18.00 Mex.
Imagine! It surely is a bar-
gain of bargains. I'm delighted
it will save me searching fur
+ cloth + all. + it is as warm
as toast. My other garment
I'm getting is silk wadded
trousers - long + roomy !! oh

8] the cook - plan the days meals + errands - and be ready for ~~teacher~~ at 8:30. On Monday nites we were invited out for another delicious feast of Cantonese food + it was very, very nice too!

One night I felt really + truely so sent to bed early with a pill - + am fine so - I am grateful truly for it I hope to keep my record clear of colds again as ~~the~~ last years.

When I came back from country I mailed for mail - no letters at home so I went to Mrs Chandler's + she had 3 + first knew you'd have written so I searched till I found them. When I went over all dust layered not covered Mrs. C. said you surely are dirty!! but I enjoyed the letters in my dust: my precious monie, you're so sweet to be so faithful + so nice to me. I love you so much!

9/ That makes three letters Sept 1920
+ Oct 4. letters to answer. I was
quite surprised to get a typewritten
letter! glad you have the visit
with Bud + Bernice. Bud must be
a speed fiend image - Entropius to
Independence in one day - see I've
been riding at a walk on a mule
do you wonder at my contant
Suppose when I get home I'll be
afraid to go 20 per! Am glad long
if the reports were of any use!
Now about Christmas presents -
I can't decide. Sometimes I'd like
a little victrola + records -
did I tell you the pianos (2)
failed to ~~naturalize~~ because
my stairway is ~~too~~ low + bringing
it over the porch ~~too~~ risky.
I'd like a ~~folding~~ victrola for
country — ~~but~~ if I were settled
the bigger ones sound so much
better that I can't decide.
Anyway, it might be cheaper
in Shanghai tho I doubt it.

11.

pairs of garters the kid can sew one corsets - I don't wear one but the long Hozziers - I had an extra pair but one is lost, in the Spring for Summer Styles I want an Elite - Asked Dr Etta to send me one fall this fall + she sent a vogue which I can get here so ~~don't~~ please do that I want an Elite please for Summer not now! I really can't think very much of anything awfully needed! I guess the money is most sensibly but it doesn't seem terribly Christmasy just to get letters but I expect it is about best. I'll appreciate honey dear whatever you do but don't feel you must do a lot for me. You have so much to demand your money + you know the love isn't measured by the gift

10/ I guess this is the state of indecision in which the patient dies I don't know what to say — but since future is somewhat uncertain if I had one guess small one might do — One should hear one to know sure that it is all right — that's difficulty of buying in Shanghai —
There are some things for sure I need but maybe you'd as well as I'd use what you've stored — if not, might get newones. For example, I have two big tablecloths + no plain white napkins — only little lunch napkins with those little sets — so this week I have to borrow some. Matter your white cotton napkins might do — or if someone wants to send some linen ones I'd like them If you'd pack a couple of aluminum saucepans some little things for kitchen, — a couple

12 Bless Bud's old heart - I'm so proud of him + his promotion and recommendation + all! He's a dear! So Bessie wants some jade. Well, honey, what I sent is what Japanese call jade but really is a kind of glass but I'll see about some real jade - its pretty expensive does Aunt Callie really want me to buy her silk? white Always, I know I want a crepe spread, full size - seersucker - you know their light to wash + mail, You didint say whether the man gave the money for the note who is it? Is it the Golden Stairlyer Co. man?

Mrs. Eames will leave here Nov. 18 - land in San Francisco Dec - 12 + stay in Port till 15 - on President Jefferson - Dollar Steamship line - You'll want to write at least three

13) a letter waiting for her — were that address! You spoke of going to see her — I thought if you'd write they might let you stay on the boat while they're there — 3 days or they go on to Los Angeles to land + go on to her home 408 South Holden St Wortenberg, Missouri.

I'm attempting a real social event this week! having 10 guests for chinese food — See I forgot to say from Oct 29 - on till final business is the Shantung mission meeting probably 50 or more folks from all over Shantung — So there are some dignitaries here like Mr. Wells, chairman of China Council, Dr. Johnson ~~Chairman~~ of Shantung Executive Committee — so I'm going to ask them to dinner — I just get heart failure — I think the cook felt like I did about the cake

15 I to the social event went off. Its pretty duty of the resident nurses to help entertain the visitors + I want to too!

Now the plans! a Mr. Li of Peking - who is a returned M.B.C. student who as a youth committed a crime + had to flee - somehow got to America + became converted + then attended Moody - he's back home at his home + doing a fine evangelistic work. Well, they want Miss Chow. Want me to come for six weeks or two months for a class for these members of families who have given up + destroyed, he says, their idols to study + become intelligent believers. Arrangements have been made to have my teacher go too so I can help with music + kiddies + study too - not to mention the benefit I'll get

14] he said last week - "I can make all this fine food if you'd only ask about 18 guests! So I'll do it 9 guess - However I must borrow more tie backs & tea cups - Eva has lovely green glass elastics, & Mrs Evans napkins - this is a bit foreigner ordinarily (to have napkins) wait 'til the end of feast & have a lot strung round for each - Lack of chairs & utensils makes asking guests a bit difficult but I think will manage - See, since I have one room sitting room & ~~bed~~ living room I'd find be confusing to set table so I think I'll borrow Miss Clair's study for the day. — I have all the heart failures at the stay - book testers but cook generally tires beautifully to having guests — report later

Vb 9 from constantly hearing + living among the Chinese. I love it. Will have a little 3-room house to cook, eat, + study when I won't sleep - won't that be exciting. Will see about circumstances it maybe I'll stay over Christmas there. Mrs. E. protested but I'd rather than be here alone - of course there will be friends + I'll come in some - especially if I can get Isabel to come up + bunk with me. I'll be so glad to go - as I said foreign demands just take a lot of time + fuss!

Thank you so for getting all the reports off - I expect you've gotten another list by now of the summer vacation report + cheer up!! I'm thinking I'll send Christmas things all to you to mail because I've got

17) Simply got so much on these next few weeks - meeting, get Christmas cards + gifts off, get all ready for this country trip + all in 2 weeks

Sweet last Friday nite with Julia Ling to Wm Tel Girls School (Pres.) to play games with the girls + it was such fun. The Chinese girls are so lovely! I was glad to get to meet them.

Next Sunday I'm to speak at their afternoon church service + play the guitar. The Master must do it - I can't - He must give the message + the Chinese words! His never failed yet - I just rest on that. Bless Mrs. De Ritter for remembering! I love her for it - Please thank her - Please ask them to

especially for those weeks at Pasadena.

I didn't go back to town. Mrs. G. wanted me to stay + go in in the car in morning + so Moseley + the servants who need to go in can go - I'll have to crawl out early

Queer, Mrs Benton hasn't written you. She surely will + send the gifts.

Matter dear cheer up, the parrot ate its way out of cage while I was in country you may come. The chinese principal Mr. Chang said "well, you can get married now!" Tell Ray, I still have the hats - in a drawer - waiting only when convention first forces me to! like Sat. we went aboard the "Gold Star" to have lunch, celebrate navy day; Glad fan + things got thru + glad Richard is better. I will be glad to hear about the Enterprise trip + Joe + all. I wonder if they got the various things sent - they never say.

Well dearest ones - I must close + get to sleep lots + lots of love to you - You're just precious to me. Mrs. G. sends love -

Lovingly Irene Forsythe

Christmas seals + tags + ribbon a few weeks early would be fine